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5. [ ] Talked to Tom Korologos, White House staff, and told him of our efforts to get support for striking or amending the Foreign Assistance Authorization (S. 3390) provisions cutting off funding to the Thai irregulars. He agreed with our idea of getting as many sponsors as possible. I also told him we were trying to get in touch with Senator Sparkman who is expected to manage the bill on the floor and explain to him our problem and seek his advice.

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6. [ ] Talked to David Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, and told him of our meetings with the several members and staff personnel of the Armed Services Committee in connection with the Foreign Assistance Authorization provisions which would cut off funding to the Thai irregulars. Mr. Abshire agreed with our tactic of trying to get as many cosponsors as possible and said he would approach Senator James B. Allen. I agreed to approach Senators Strom Thurmond, Milton Young and John L. McClellan at the first opportunity.

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7. [ ] In the absence of Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations David Abshire and his Deputy, Marshall Wright, I talked with James Halmo, Staff Assistant, early this morning and brought him up-to-date on our conversations yesterday with members of the Senate Armed Services Committee staff and with Senator Dominick on efforts to strike section 515 from the Foreign Assistance Authorization bill (S. 3390). I asked Halmo about the timing of amendments on this bill and he indicated he doubted the Senate could get to this item before next Tuesday.

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8. [ ] Messrs. Maury and [ ] met with Charles Kendrick, Administrative Assistant to Senator Peter Dominick (R., Colo.), and left with him a copy of our package on section 515 of the Foreign Assistance Authorization bill (S. 3390). We told him we had talked with Senator Cannon who had agreed to cosponsor an amendment to strike this section but had reserved a decision on engaging in active floor participation in support of the amendment. We told him we hoped to speak to Senator Sparkman about this provision to get some indication as to whether Sparkman would agree to striking section 515. Kendrick said he would be talking further with Senator Dominick and would give us a call after he has had an opportunity to review the material we left with him.

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